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SUBJ: MILLIYET INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL

FONMIN MELIH ESENBEL, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN MILLIYET MARCH 19, COMMENTED ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ANKARA, THE AEGEAN ISSUE, AND THE RESUMPTION OF WEST GERMAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. FOLLOWING WERE THE MAJOR POINTS:

A. CYPRUS. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS REPORTS THAT THERE WAS A PLAN TO RETURN MORPHU AND THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF FAMAGUSTA TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, ESENBEL SAID: "A CANTONAL SYSTEM IN CYPRUS IS NOW RPT NOW IMPOSSIBLE AND UNACCEPTABLE. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS A BIZONAL FEDERATION." HE WENT ON TO SAY: "AT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS A SOLUTION MUST BE SOUGHT ON THE BASIS OF THE EQUALITY OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES. THE UNDERSTANDING THAT "THE GREEKS ARE IN THE MAJORITY, THE PRESIDENT MUST BE GREEK AND SOVEREIGNTY MUST BELONG TO THEM' MUST NOW END."

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B. KISSINGER VISIT. ESENBEL SAID KISSINGER HAD COME TO TURKEY WITH NO RPT NO PLAN AND HAD TOUCHED ON NO RPT NO SUBJECT WHICH HE KNEW THE TURKS WOULD NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT. DENYING THAT TURKEY HAD MADE ANY CONCESSIONS DURING THE KISSINGER VISIT, ESENBEL SAID: "THERE IS NO RPT NO QUESTION OF ANY SUCH THING, BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHAT THE PARTIES CONCERNED WILL TELL ONE ANOTHER BEFORE THE TALKS HAVE STARTED..."

C. AEGEAN DISPUTE. ESENBEL SAID THE GOT WAS WORKING ON THE PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT THE DISPUTE OVER THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. HE ADDED, "WHEN WE COMPLETE THIS WORK WE WILL INVITE GREECE TO TALKS. WE MIGHT PUT FORWARD A DATE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF TALKS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL."

D. MILITARY AID. ESENBEL SAID THAT AFTER THE CUTOFF OF US MILITARY AID, THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE DREW UP A DRAFT OF WHAT COULD BE DONE IN THE SHORT RUN, PENDING RESUMPTION OF US AID. FROM THE NATO VIEWPOINT, HE SAID, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE TURKISH AIR FORCE HAVE A THREE-MONTH RESERVE OF SPARE PARTS, A NEED WHICH COULD BE MET BY WEST GERMANY, WHICH RESUMED AID TO TURKEY FEBRUARY 23, BUT THE MATERIAL WAS MOVING SLOWLY. ESENBEL SAID: "AFTER OUR TALKS WITH KISSINGER, HIS DEPUTY HARTMAN TALKED OVER THE MATTER WITH THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, AND THE ACCELERATION OF THE SHIPMENTS WAS AGREED UPON..."  
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